

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the City of) Application No. 911-023.36
Lincoln/Lancaster County,)
Public Safety Answering Point,) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
seeking funding approval for) REQUEST IN PART
recurring and non-recurring)
costs associated with Enhanced) Entered: December 11, 2007
Wireless 911 implementation.

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated May 23, 2006, the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Safety Answering Point (Lincoln/Lancaster County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Lincoln/Lancaster County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$163,007.00** for the purchase and installation of Orion MapStar/Map Manager; **\$45,689.00** for the Orion MapStar CAD interface; and **\$36,000.00** for the PSSSI Interface to MapStar. Each of the above were installed in May 2004 and Lincoln/Lancaster County seeks reimbursement for the expenses incurred. Lincoln/Lancaster County has provided supporting documentation regarding its request. However, costs differed from the prices contained in the responses to the Commission's request for proposal (RFP). Therefore, the Commission held a hearing regarding Lincoln/Lancaster County's funding request on November 27, 2007.

Ms. Julie Richter, Communications Coordinator for Lincoln/Lancaster County 911, testified in support of the funding request. Ms. Richter stated that the software was installed prior to the issuance of the Commission's RFP. Furthermore, Ms. Richter testified that the **\$45,689.00** for the Orion MapStar CAD interface and the **\$36,000.00** for the PSSSI Interface to MapStar are both items related to the PSAP's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

Jeff Pursley, Director of the NTIPS Department, recommended that the Commission approve the **\$163,007.00** for the Orion MapStar but that the Commission deny the remainder as the Fund has not historically paid for CAD related items.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp.

2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the evidence received at the hearing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the **\$163,007.00** for the Orion MapStar, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service. The Commission further finds that the costs related to Lincoln/Lancaster County's CAD system are not eligible.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$163,007.00** in non recurring costs. The request should be denied with respect to the **\$45,689.00** for the Orion MapStar CAD interface; and **\$36,000.00** for the PSSI Interface to MapStar.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Lincoln/Lancaster County the amount of **\$163,007.00** consistent with the terms of this order

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Lincoln/Lancaster County the amount of **\$163,007.00** consistent with the terms of this order for the software necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the funding request is denied with respect to the **\$45,689.00** for the Orion MapStar CAD interface; and **\$36,000.00** for the PSSI Interface to MapStar.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of
December, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director